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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sam K. Ahn	2637	
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment, received on 7/23/04</u> .			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>24-35</u> .			
3. The drawings filed on 6/27/03 are accepted by the Examiner.			
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una) All b) Some* c) None of the: Certified copies of the priority documents have Certified copies of the priority documents have Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONM THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. 5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be subm 	been received. been received in Application No cuments have been received in this r of this communication to file a reply of this of this application.	national stage applicat	uirements
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Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 7/23/04 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Martin Fleit, Reg. No. 16,900 on 09/03/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. In claim 24, line 5, "the signals" has been changed to "the plurality of data signals".
- b. In claim 24, line 10, "in parallel," has been deleted.
- c. In claim 31, line 5, "the signals" has been changed to "the plurality of data signals".
- d. In claim 31, line 10, "in parallel," has been deleted.

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- e. In claim 32, line 10, "in parallel," has been deleted.
- f. In claim 32, line 12, "via digital" has been changed to "via a digital".
- g. In claim 32, line 14, "a predetermined" has been changed to "the predetermined".
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Present application discloses a method and an apparatus unit of data filtering wherein the unit comprises photodiode array coupled in parallel to a multiplexing unit. A processing unit receiving the electrical signals from the photodiode array, compares the level of the signals to a threshold level. The processing unit further comprises a digital logic unit, coupled to the multiplexing unit via a data link, informing the multiplexing unit whether the level of the signal from the photodiode array is above the threshold, and thus allows multiplexing unit to output the signals to buffers. Prior arts do not teach the combination of all the limitations claimed in each of the independent claims comprising the processing unit, photodiode array and digital logic unit with the arrangement as shown in Fig.3.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Sam Ahn** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-3044**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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